



## Roger Merino Acuña: helps prevent social conflicts through the design of intercultural policies in Peru.

Whereas Roger was finishing a Master in Comparative Law at the University College of Turin in Italy in 2009, he noticed in the mass media about the “Baguazo”, a massive social conflict in the Peruvian Amazon in which indigenous peoples opposed state policies that promoted the expansion of extractive industries within indigenous territories. In that moment, he knew about the Erasmus Mundus Master programme in Globalization and International Policy at University of Bath, and when he returned to Peru he decided to apply to this programme. He thought that this master would be an opportunity to further develop his professional and intellectual abilities, and to contribute to prevent social conflicts through the design of intercultural policies. And this was the case. Erasmus Mundus was crucial for the development of his career as a lawyer, policy-maker and academic.



In 2010 Roger started the Erasmus Mundus Masters programme in the city of Bath, United Kingdom. This Master programme meant for Roger an intense academic year in which he met students from around the world. Bath is a beautiful city, ideal for studying and reflecting and the university facilities are extraordinary. During the Master year he discovered that given the growing of socio-environmental conflicts in Peru, it was urgent to promote intercultural policies and reinforce the environmental governance. His master thesis, that was qualified with distinction, addressed these issues.

After finishing the Erasmus Master Programme, Roger won the University Research Excellence Scholarship and started his PhD in Social and Policy Science. Immediately after his return, he started teaching in the master Law programme at San Marcos National University and worked as specialist in public policy at the National Center of Strategic Planning, promoting policies and plans related to human rights and interculturality. Currently he is Director of Strategic Management at the National Service of Environment Certification, where he is in charge of designing an integrated environmental certification procedure.

“Erasmus Mundus has given me the opportunity for the development of my academic and professional career. Without Erasmus Mundus I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to undertake his PhD and met the wonderful people that supported me during the years he studied in United Kingdom.” Now he is contributing with Peruvian public policies and the Peruvian academia, and he always shares with his colleagues and students his experience and knowledge obtained in Europe.

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